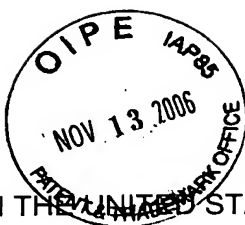


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed August 7, 2006, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Drawings:

Please amend FIG. 3 of the drawings, presently on file, as indicated in red ink on the Annotated Marked-Up Drawings accompanying the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of all of the requested drawing amendments at this time. **Also please enter the enclosed new Replacement Sheets of drawings, accompanying this Submission, which incorporate all of the requested drawing amendments.**

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 9-15 as follows.